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SUBJECT: SPANISH OPPOSITION LEADERS PRESENT MILD

PROTEST LETTER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. AT NOON DECEMBER 19, SOCIALIST LAWYER RAUL MORODO (PRINCIPAL DEPUTY OF TIerno GALVAN) AND MONARCHIST LEADER JOAQUIN SATRUSTEGUI, WHO HAD ASKED EMBOFF TO MEET THEM URGENTLY NEAR EMBASSY, HANDED EMBOFF LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SIGNED BY SEVERAL PROMINENT SPANISH OPPOSITION LEADERS WHICH THEY ASKED BE PASSED TO SECRETARY.

2. TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. IN MAY OF 1970 YOUR PREDECESSOR AS SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. ROGERS, VISITED MADRID AND HELD VARIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONAGES IN THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

ON THE OCCASION OF THAT VISIT, A NUMBER OF SPANISH DEMOCRATS OF VARIOUS TENDENCIES SENT A LETTER TO HIM, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH ARE KNOWN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY. THREE YEARS HAVE PASSED AND THE CONCERNS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED IN THAT NOTE, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE RISKS WHICH OUR COUNTRY RUNS DUE TO THE EXISTENCE OF

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THE BASES WITHOUT ADEQUATE GUARANTEES, CONTINUE IN

FORCE. WE TRUST THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL TAKE NOTE OF THIS CONCERN OF A BROAD RANGE OF SPANISH SECTORS WHO DESIRE TO LIVE TOGETHER DEMOCRATICALLY. UNQUOTE.

3. LETTER ENDS WITH A BRIEF COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE AND THE SIGNATURES OF THE FOLLOWING SIX
OPPOSITIONISTS, IEM CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT JOAQUIN RUIZ GIMENEZ, MONARCHISTS JOAQUIN SATRUSTEGUI AND JAIME MIRALLES, INTERIOR SOCIALISTS ENRIQUE TIerno GALVAN AND RAUL MORODO, AND CATALAN REGIONALIST JOSPE ANDREU.

4. MORODO AND SATRUSTEGUI STATED TEXT OF LETTER WAS BEING RELEASED TO SPANISH AND FOREIGN PRESS AT 1300 DEC 19.

5. ORIGINAL LETTER FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT.

6. COMMENT: REFERENCE LETTER TO EX-SECY ROGERS REFERS TO LETTER DATED MAY 28,*1970, MANIFESTING TO THEN-SECRETARY ROGERS DURING HIS MADRID VISIT THAT A REPRESENTATIVE SECTOR OF SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION WAS AGAINST THE RENEWAL OF THE US-SPANISH BASES AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT WAS BEING NEGOTIATED WITH A REGIME WHICH DENIED BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, A FREELY ELECTED PARLIAMENT, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES, AND TRADE UNION FREEDOMS. 1970 LETTER TO ROGERS WAS SIGNED BY 112 MEMBERS OF BROAD OPPOSITION SPECTRUM. AT THE TIME, FOUR LEADING SIGNATORIES, I.E., RUIZ GIMENEZ, SATRUSTEGUI, TIerno GALVAN, AND ARELIZA HAD ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PRESENT LETTER PERSONALLY TO ROGERS. SEQUEL TO THAT WELL-PUBLICIZED 1970 PETITION WERE FINES LEVIED BY GOS ON A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SIGNATORIES. LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THESE FINES HAVE NEVER BEEN RESOLVED, DUE TO SEVERAL LAWSUITS AGAINST GOVERNMENT INITIATED BY VARIOUS SIGNATORIES, WHICH LAWSUITS ARE STILL PENDING BEFORE SPANISH SUPREME COURT.

7. OPPOSITION'S TACTIC THIS TIME OF
PRESENTING LETTER TO BE FORWARDED TO SECRETARY AND
RELATIVELY MILD TONE OF LETTER WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE
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THAT THIS IS LARGELY A SYMBOLIC GESTURE TO RECORD THEIR CONTINUING OPPOSITION TO EXISTING US-SPANISH AGREEMENT AND TO CLOSE RELATIONS WHICH US MAINTAINS WITH GOS ON GROUNDS US IS SUPPORTING NON-DEMOCRATIC SPANISH REGIME.

8. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT REACTION OF GOS
WILL BE THIS TIME. HOWEVER, GIVEN FACTS ONLY SIX

INDIVIDUALS SIGNED THIS LETTER, SIX ARE AMONG MOST
PROMINENT OPPOSITIONISTS, AND LETTER UNLIKELY STIR
KIND OF PUBLIC CONTROVERSY AS DID THE 1970 ONE,
GOS MAY CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT OR ADMINISTER ONLY A MILD
REBUKE. IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE THEREFORE NOT TO REPLY
TO LETTER AND, IF WE ARE ASKED ABOUT IT, TO SAY SIMPLY
THAT WE HAVE FORWARDED LETTER TO SECRETARY TO TAKE
NOTE OF IT.
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